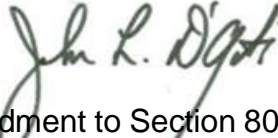






**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** John L. D'Agati 

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Amendment to Section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Reinstatement of the Educational Technology Specialist Content Specialty Test Safety Net for Candidates Seeking Education Technology Specialist Certification

**DATE:** September 6, 2018

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**  

### SUMMARY

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Board of Regents adopt the proposed amendment to §80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education relating to the reinstatement of the Educational Technology Specialist Content Specialty Test safety net for candidates seeking certification as education technology specialists?

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Review of Policy.

#### **Proposed Handling**

The proposed amendment is submitted to the Full Board for adoption at the September 2018 Board of Regents meeting (Attachment A is a copy of the proposed amendment).

#### **Procedural History**

A Notice of Proposed Rule Making was published in the State Register on June 27, 2018. Supporting materials for the proposed amendment are available upon request

from the Secretary to the Board of Regents. Following the 60-day public comment period required under the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department received no comments on the proposed amendment.

### **Background Information**

There was a safety net in place for the Educational Technology Specialist content specialty test (CST) that allowed candidates to take either the redeveloped CST or the predecessor CST. Pursuant to §80-1.5(c)(2)(ii), that safety net expired on June 30, 2017, and candidates have been required to take only the redeveloped exam.

Upon a review of the redeveloped Educational Technology Specialist CST, there has been a significant decrease in the pass rate. This is a low incidence test and now that the Department has gathered more data on how candidates are performing on the test, the Department believes it needs to review the examination to determine if adjustments are needed. In the interim, the Department recommends that a safety net be made available to candidates seeking this certification while the Department works with the field to make any necessary changes.

### **Proposed Amendment**

Candidates seeking certification as educational technology specialists may take advantage of the safety net through June 30, 2019. For the safety net, such candidates may take and pass either the predecessor content specialty test or the redeveloped content specialty test.

### **Related Regents Items**

[June 2018](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/618hea3.pdf) <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/618hea3.pdf>

### **Recommendation**

VOTED: That §80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be amended, as submitted, effective October 3, 2018.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If adopted at the September 2018 meeting, the proposed amendment will become effective on October 3, 2018.

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 305, 3001, 3003, 3004 and 3009 of the Education Law.

Paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

(2) Content specialty test.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this paragraph, a candidate who takes and fails to achieve a satisfactory level of performance on any of the revised content specialty examinations from May 1, 2015 through October 17, 2016, may, in lieu of retaking such revised content specialty examination:

(a) . . .

(b) . . .

(ii) . . .

(iii) For revised content specialty tests that [become] became operational on or after October 18, 2016 or for the revised Educational Technology Specialist content specialty test, a candidate may take and receive a satisfactory passing score on either the revised content specialty test or the predecessor content specialty test until June 30, 2019.

(iv) . . .